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Policy Forum: SSI and its Role in the Discussion on Poverty

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Washington, D.C. – On July 12, the Social Security Advisory Board will host a daylong forum on the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, a means-tested program that provides cash assistance for over 8 million low-income children and adults with disabilities and people age 65 and over. One panel, moderated by Board Chair Henry Aaron, will include a discussion of House Speaker Ryan's recently announced anti-poverty agenda by a key Ryan staffer and other policy experts, with a focus on the role of the SSI children's program in broader federal poverty policy.

The daylong forum, held at the [Carnegie Library](#), will include perspectives from across the political spectrum, with a diverse range of participants including Capitol Hill staff, federal and state officials, scholars, and advocates.

By sponsoring the forum, the Board hopes to educate and bring attention to the SSI program and federal poverty policy and help identify areas where there is bipartisan agreement in an atmosphere where new ideas can be voiced and compromise considered.

The full agenda is available on the Board's website at <http://ssab.gov/FORUM2016-SSI>.

The Social Security Advisory Board is a bipartisan, independent federal government agency that advises the President, Congress, and the Commissioner of Social Security on the administration of the Social Security and SSI programs.

Space is limited, but [registration](#) is still available for morning or afternoon sessions, or for the full day.